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Boris LEWICKY aka LEVITSKY and Erich Julian WOLLENBERG

Reference: DIR 34275, DIR 33978

In answer to our request dated 18 November 1955 for information on Erich WOLLENBERG, [] gave us a tardy reply on 19 April 1956, a translation of which follows:

Erich Julian WOLLENBERG

Born 15 August 1892 at Konigsberg. Journalist. He is currently living in Paris and works as a press correspondent for an agency in Munich. He makes frequent trips to West Germany, and has not attracted any unfavorable attention from us. Concerning the "clandestine search" of which his apartment was the object, WOLLENBERG never noticed anything abnormal, and we have no information on this subject.

According to the explanation which WOLLENBERG himself gave, he belonged in 1948-1949 to the staff of Radio der Woche when he knew Boris LEWICKY. The latter came to the newspaper offices and published some articles on Soviet questions and problems concerning Russian or Ukrainian refugees.

According to WOLLENBERG, LEWICKY is of Ukrainian origin, has never been to Russia, claims himself an expert in Soviet questions, furnishes information to the German Socialist Party and to Minister KAISER.

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WOLLENBERG also met LEVITSKY in Bonn in 1952 and 1953, and in 1954 he visited him once or twice in his apartment in Munich. They discussed problems concerning the Soviet press and anti-Communist newspapers. WOLLENBERG saw him last in the beginning of 1955 on a trip to Munich. He thinks LEVITSKY is anti-Stalin, and believes that if he contacted people who are known for their pro-Soviet opinions it was principally to obtain documentation.

WOLLENBERG notes also that LEVITSKY always led a very modest life, and that Soviet agents generally have quite large resources to spend. ??

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